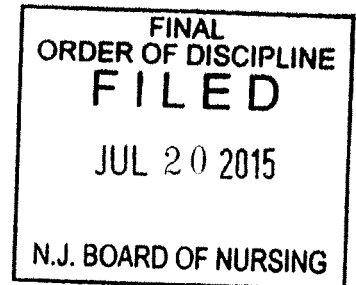
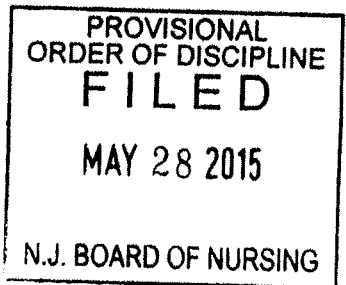


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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
METTY K. CLARKE, R.N.	:	
License # 26NR 12910300	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
	:	(Finalized by default
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	on <u>July 20, 2015</u> )
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about February 3, 2015, respondent was asked to provide documentation, in the form of certificates of completion, of having completed required continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle. (Exhibit A)

3. Respondent provided documentation of completion of a total of thirty (30) contact hours of nursing continuing education, all of which was completed out of time, on April 10, 2014. (Exhibit B)

4. Respondent indicated on her 2013 renewal application that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013. (Exhibit C)

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to timely complete required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on her 2013 renewal application that he would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle by May

31, 2013 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A.  
45:1-21(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015,  
ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in  
this matter:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for misrepresentation in  
violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$250 is hereby  
imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

3. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the  
Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following entry hereof unless  
Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated  
Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or  
dismissal to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of  
Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark,  
New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why  
said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written  
evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and  
reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

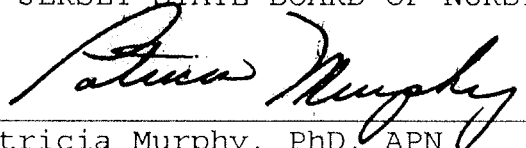
5. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

6. In the event that the Board receives no written submission from Respondent within 30 days following filing of this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Board review, the Provisional Order of Discipline shall automatically become the Final Order of Discipline. The box for Final Order of Discipline shall be checked, the Final Order of Discipline shall be filed, and copies shall be mailed to Respondent. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be

considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of  
N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may  
subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

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